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I am a thirty year practicing CPA who began his career at a "big eight" firm and continues to serve small and local businesses and organizations in the US.

Those who believe Microsoft or any other monopolist will not quickly invent new means of restoring its market power are only fooling themselves. How else could a software publisher release obviously faulty (buggy) programs with impunity?

By convincing the courts that it is only leasing - not selling - a computer operating system, this monopolist has burdened all of us with a renewable payment system subject to its exclusive benediction.

By "bundling" application software into its operating system, Microsoft has prevented any realistic competition.

Why can the courts not understand the harmful effects Microsoft's corporate policies wreak? Real users (citizens actually purchasing the programs) noticed and published their complaints ten years ago. Nothing significant has been done or is proposed to address those illegal practices.